

"Books," the English essayist, Addison, wrote, "are the legacies that a great genius leaves to mankind, which are delivered down from generation to generation, as presents to the posterity of those who are yet unborn."

A similar theme was sounded by John Milton, the poet and author who wrote:

"Books are not absolutely dead things, but do contain a potency of life in them to be as active as that soul was whose progeny they are. Nay, they do preserve as in a vail the purest efficacy and extraction of that living intellect that bred them."

So, as we dedicate this handsome new building, with its collection of books, manuscripts and records, let us offer it to the people of our age and of ages to come as our legacy for the enhancement of their knowledge, wisdom and happiness.

REMARKS, 97TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE MARYLAND STATE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

BALTIMORE

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Mr. Chairman, Dr. Commager, Comptroller Goldstein, Doctor Sensenbaugh, Board Members, Mr. Raver, teachers and administrators of the public school system of Maryland, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

Another October has come, and again it is my happy privilege to be here with the men and women of Maryland who bear the heavy responsibility of educating the youth of our State. I look forward with high expectations each year to these meetings of the Maryland State Teachers Associations, and I am most grateful to Mr. Raver and to the other officers of the Association for the courteous invitation I received to come here for this ninety-seventh annual convention.

From my point of view, as chief executive of the State, the meetings are of great value in that they afford me an unusual opportunity to discuss with you our common objectives — the operation of a public school program adequate to the educational needs of this and of future generations of Marylanders. The zeal with which the teachers of the State pursue that high purpose is most inspiring and en-